

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary," which contains information that is not true days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Serving the public interest does not include broadcasting political material camouflaged as news.

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve a thorough review of past programming behavior and address the ability to control the information to our communities.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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